



FBCA Policy Change Proposal Number: 2008-04

To: Federal PKI Policy Authority
From: Certificate Policy Working Group
Subject: Proposed modifications to the US FBCA Certificate Policy
Date: August 19, 2008
Title: § 1.2 Document Identification

Version and Date of Document Requested to be changed:

X.509 Certificate Policy for the Federal Bridge Certificate Authority, Version 2.9, August 13, 2008

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Change summary: Clarification of authorization to establish a high assurance certification authority

Background: In reviewing applications for cross certification with the FBCA from two commercial providers, it was noted that both had applied for cross certification at the High Assurance level. This, in turn, identified discrepancies and ambiguities in the wording between the FBCA Certificate Policy, the text of the Criteria and Methodology document, and the Cross Certification Application Template. Before proceeding with consideration of these applications, it is necessary to clarify and standardize the wording of these three documents regarding what entities may operate a High Assurance CA, under what circumstances, and in accordance with what requirements.

The FPKIPA's intent has always been to reserve High Assurance for U.S. Federal, state, local, and tribal government CA use, and to impose the most stringent requirements, including U.S. citizenship for trusted roles, on the operations, security, and infrastructure of the CAs.

This change will also necessitate changes to the Criteria and Methodology document as follows:

Criteria and Methodology, Section 2.2, “*Step 2: Documentation Submission*” (second bullet):

Identification of which of the Applicant's PKI's Certificate Policies are to be considered for cross certification at which assurance levels. NOTE: Cross Certification at FBCA High assurance level is

only authorized for U.S. government (federal, state, local, and tribal) entity PKIs.

Criteria and Methodology, Appendix A, Cross Certification Application Template, table “Desired Federal PKI Cross Certification Level(s):

C4CA	FBCA Medium Hardware
FBCA Rudimentary	FBCA High (U.S. Federal, <u>state, local, and tribal governments only</u>)
FBCA Basic	FBCA Medium Commercial Best Practices
FBCA Medium	FBCA Medium Hardware Commercial Best Practices

Specific Changes: Specific changes are made to the following section and document as appropriate:

Insertions are underlined, deletions are in ~~strike through~~:

FBCA CP, Section 1.2, Document Identification

The High Assurance policy is reserved for U.S. government (federal, state, ~~and~~ local, and tribal) use.

Estimated Cost:

No cost to the Federal Bridge CA.

Risk/Impact: Low risk – impact of this change is an increase in reliability of the cross certification review function and the integrity of the High Assurance certification level.

Implementation Date:

This change will be implemented immediately upon approval by the FPKIPA.

Prerequisites for Adoption:

There are no prerequisites.

Plan to Meet Prerequisites:

There are no prerequisites.

Approval and Coordination Dates:

Date presented to CPWG: 15 July 2008

Date Presented to FPKI PA: 9 September 2008

Date of approval by FPKI PA: TBD